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SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LIBRARY TRAINING.

The Summer School for Library Training, as already announced, will be held at the Minnesota State University, June 19 to July 28, 1905. At a recent meeting of the Commission it was decided that hereafter the school would be held once in two years, so that trustees who are contemplating a reorganization of their libraries in the near future are urged to send their librarians this year, as the course will not be given during the summer of 1906.

The course will be under the direction of the librarian of the Commission, who will give the lectures on cataloguing, classification, order, accession, shelf-list and the general organization of a library. Miss Maude van Buren, librarian of the Owatonna Public Library and a graduate of Pratt Institute Library School, will give the lectures on reference work, periodicals and children's work. Miss Julia Elliott, a graduate of the Illinois State Library School, who has recently been connected with the work on the Cumulative book-index and other bibliographical publications, will give the

lectures on bibliography and book-selection, including library aids, editions and publishers.

By special arrangement with the director of the Summer School, the class will be admitted to the lectures on literary criticism by Prof. Maria L. Sanford. These lectures are of unusual interest to librarians, and will be of great value in establishing a standard for book selection.

The school will be unusually favored this year with visits from prominent librarians on their return from the A. L. A. meeting in Portland, Oregon. Melvil Dewey, Director of the New York State Library, has very kindly consented to address the school. His subject will be "Modern Librarianship."

It is hoped that this occasion may be made a sort of reunion day for former students of the school and other librarians, and that as many as possible may take advantage of this unusual opportunity to hear one of our foremost librarians.

For further particulars regarding program, supplies, applications and expense, address the director of the school.

MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Minnesota Library Association will hold its annual meeting at the Red Wing Public Library some time in October. The program committee has been appointed, consisting of Miss Maude van Buren, Owatonna Public Library, Miss Lydia M. Poirier, Duluth Public Library, and Miss Lucia M. Danforth, Red Wing Public Library.

The committee would be glad to have suggestions from librarians or trustees in regard to any subjects which they would like to present or to have presented at this meeting. They wish to have the program interesting and stimulating to all the library workers in the state. Write to Miss van Buren, the chairman of the committee, and tell her what problems are most perplexing, or what experiments have proven successful or unsuccessful.

The exact date of the meeting cannot yet be announced, but librarians should begin now to plan to attend. Many library boards pay the expenses of their librarians, and, of course, allow time for attendance. The association is growing in strength, and through the promotion of acquaintance and interchange of ideas among those interested in libraries, should be a real factor in the development of library interests in the state. Every library in Minnesota should be represented at this meeting.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Portland conference promises to be a remarkable success, considering the distance from main library centers, and the attendance from the East and middle West will be larger than was at first expected.

The program is intended particularly to give practical presentation of the trend of library development, national, state and local, and to deal, in a helpful and suggestive way, with questions of service, of administration, and of work with children, from the standpoint of the smaller public libraries. Librarians and trustees from Minnesota who plan to visit the Portland Exposition would do well to plan their trip so that they may attend this meeting, which will be held July 2-7.

CARNEGIE LIBRARIES.

In the *World's Work* for April, Isaac F. Marcossou has an article entitled "Giving Carnegie Libraries," presenting general statistics of the total number of Carnegie library buildings, and describing the methods and effects of Mr. Carnegie's library philanthropy.

"During every hour of every day some of these libraries are open and in use. In New Zealand they enlighten the Maori; in the crowded East Side of New York City they uplift a congested foreign population; in Ireland they influence a struggling race. Without regard to creed or color, they have everywhere taught the value of high intellectual ideals. They have placed (or will place when the buildings planned are erected) free reading within the reach of 25,000,000 and they represent a total benefaction of more than \$40,000,000. No individual has ever contributed so much to a single cause or touched so many people. It is the most remarkable public service in the history of philanthropy, and its conduct is as unusual as the personality behind it. * * * Any English speaking community in the world may secure a Carnegie library by making a formal request and fulfilling the business conditions imposed by Mr. Carnegie. Suppose in Nebraska a city of 10,000 people is without a public library building, and a public spirited citizen, hearing of Mr. Carnegie's library gifts, writes to him, asking for a sum of money to build a building. It is a part of the free library system that every letter bearing on a library matter shall be considered and answered. The moment the letter is opened by Mr. Carnegie's secretary, it becomes part of the system which has made it possible successfully to handle the work of more than a thousand libraries, often with the negotiations for several hundred going on at the same time. Immediately upon receipt of the request, Mr. Carnegie's secretary sends a blank form to the applicant whether it be individual or society, provided they give evidence that certain questions be answered.* These replies aid Mr. Carnegie in the consideration of the gift. There is a whole series of documents carefully prepared and adapted for every local condition, which is furnished to applicants. It shows how perfect is the method which Mr. Carnegie has adopted. * * * The total number of library buildings built and promised by Mr. Carnegie in the United States is 671. When all are built they will serve 18.9 per cent of the population. They represent a total benefaction of \$29,807,980. This includes the promise of \$100,000 for a building in Porto Rico. There are no Carnegie libraries in the Philippines. "Outside the United States Mr. Carnegie's largest library benefactions have been

in England, where he has given and promised \$6,372,240. Two hundred and eighty-three English towns have a total of 325 libraries, or will have when all provided for are erected, serving 20 per cent of the population.

"Canada has received free library gifts approximating \$11,000,000. There are 49 places with 57 library buildings in the Dominion.

"Ireland has 31 towns with Carnegie libraries. New Zealand has five, Tasmania and the West Indies each have one. The total amount of money given by Mr. Carnegie for libraries outside the United States is \$10,603,540."

An interesting interview with Mr. Carnegie appeared in the New York Times on March 30th, in which it is stated that the small colleges of the country are now to be especially considered in his public benefactions. When asked if this new direction to his gifts meant that he had tired of libraries and would not further endow them, Mr. Carnegie is quoted as saying:

"Not at all; I am as ready to assist in the establishment of libraries now as ever, but the demand for them is much less active than formerly. Most of the cities and large towns are already supplied, and the applications now received are mostly from small communities, whose requirements are not very great. The applications now average only about one a day and this costs me only about \$20,000 a day. I do not consider that enough to spend in the work I have planned, hence my interest in colleges." * * *

"Asked as to the measure of satisfaction which such wholesale philanthropy afforded the giver, Mr. Carnegie said:

"I object to the term philanthropist when applied to myself. I have always understood it to mean a man with more money than brains. In my work for humanity I propose to use the brains I have as well as I tried to do in accumulating the means of doing good and making myself and other people happy.

"In what I am now doing I find supreme satisfaction. I know of no pleasure in life which for me is comparable to creating a library which is not mine when created, but belongs to the people. A library is a cradle of democracy. I never said that to die rich is to die disgraced. What I did say was much more sensible and much nearer the truth.

"I do not expect to impoverish myself, but I hope to set in motion systems of wise and practical benevolence in which what fortune I leave may be wisely and profitably employed by those who come after me. I am satisfied with what I have accomplished thus far, but I should not be if I did not believe that what I have begun will continue after I have gone. It is not what I am able to give, but what I am able to induce others to give which does the real good I seek to accomplish."

Mr. Carnegie's gifts to Minnesota were summarized in the third report of the Commission, and at that time had amounted to \$426,500. Three new libraries have been added to the list this year, making the total amount given to Minnesota libraries \$456,500, distributed among thirty towns. These reach, in the aggregate, 200,000 out of the entire population of nearly 2,000,000, or ten per cent of our people.

LIBRARY LEGISLATION.

County Plan. The amendment to the library law referred to in the March number of Library Notes and News, was passed on the last day of the session. The amendment makes no change in the present organization of library boards, but simply allows these boards to make contracts with the county commissioners of their county to pay a certain sum into the library fund every year, in return for which the library is made free to anyone in the county. In counties where there is a strong, well-equipped library this plan can be carried out successfully. Traveling libraries are sent out to most distant parts of the county so that the books are brought within reach of all. This plan is already in operation at Owatonna, Stillwater and Anoka.

The law also allows a library board to make similar contracts with the governing body of any neighboring town in their own or adjacent counties. This plan is undoubtedly the best one for the newer and smaller libraries to work out. The supply of books in these libraries is too limited for them to undertake a system of traveling libraries, but the farmers living in adjoining townships, who in most cases make frequent visits to the town, can have access to books with only a small increase in their taxes. Towns should not expect their neighboring

townships to pay more than the rate paid by their own tax-payers, and in most cases a smaller amount will more than cover the additional expense to the library.

In most libraries where a fee of \$1.00 a year or more is charged to those living outside the town limits, there are about four or five subscribers, but when a small tax is levied on the entire township or county, the number of outside borrowers will soon be numbered in the hundreds.

With practically no addition to the expense of administration the library thus enlarges its sphere of usefulness, and the additional income can all be spent for books to supply the larger demand.

It is hoped that library boards will consider this matter and present it to the county commissioners or to the boards of township supervisors at an early date. If the interest of the influential people in the surrounding country districts is enlisted, the plan should readily commend itself for its economy and mutual benefit.

BIRD DAY.

Several of our public libraries report special celebrations and exhibits on Bird Day. At Fairmont a collection of mounted birds was loaned for exhibit, and at Worthington the search for material developed the fact that a fine case of stuffed birds could be placed in the library for an indefinite period. At Pipestone Mr. A. D. Brown exhibited his collection of mounted birds, and gave a very interesting lecture on the character and habits of birds. At Owatonna programs arranged by the librarian were given in all the grades and the high school, so that all the children in the city were reached.

These special celebrations not only arouse interest in the subject of the day, but attract people to the library, and help to make it a "center of public happiness."

AIDS FOR LIBRARIANS.

Books for Summer Reading. The Minneapolis Public Library has issued a very attractive list of books for summer reading. As stated in the preface, the list has been compiled from the recommendations of

friends and patrons of the library, and by members of the staff, and represents the actual reading experiences of its contributors.

It includes brief list of fiction, favorite old novels, short stories, cheerful books, out-of-door books, travel and history, biography, essays and poetry, home interests and brief lists for children.

The list is attractively printed and may be obtained by sending six cents to the Minneapolis Public Library. Librarians will find it full of useful suggestions to the patron who "wants something to read," and it will also furnish ideas for some attractive summer bulletins.

Lists of German and Polish Books. The Winona Public Library has recently issued two bulletins containing lists of German and Polish books to be found in the library. Any libraries which expect to add books in these languages would find the lists helpful. They can be obtained from the library by sending two cents to cover postage.

Library Records. The Democrat Printing Company has printed four new record sheets for forms prepared by the Wisconsin Free Library Commission. The forms are summary of additions and withdrawals, classified record, daily statistics sheets, binding record.

The first two will be specially useful to the small libraries which do not use the standard accession book. The Commission has had a number of books bound up for this accession record, which will cost \$1.00 each, and should last a small library about ten years. The unbound sheets can also be furnished at six cents a sheet, including postage, and books can be made up as ordered. They can be obtained from the Commission, or directly from the publishers.

A. L. A. Tracts. The American Library Association has issued two new numbers in its series of Library Tracts. No. 5 is Notes from the art section of a library, with hints on selection and buying by C. A. Cutter. It contains many valuable suggestions, and will be found of interest even if the library cannot make a specialty of this department. The pamphlet may be obtained from the A. L. A. Publishing Board, 10½ Beacon St., Boston, for five cents.

Tract No. 6 is Essentials of Library Administration compiled by Miss L. E. Stearns of the Wisconsin Free Library Commission.

This tract is compiled, with modifications and additions, from the Handbook of Library Organization of the Library Commissions of Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin, which was formerly edited by the Minnesota Commission, but has been for some time out of print. It is addressed, primarily, to the untrained librarian and to library trustees. The price is fifteen cents from the same address as the preceding.

A Children's Library. A most excellent graded and annotated list of children's books is compiled by May H. Prentice and Effie L. Power, instructors in the Cleveland Normal School. It may be obtained from the compilers, 126 Courtland St., Cleveland, Ohio, for 25 cents. The Commission hopes to make arrangements to have a quantity of these lists which may then be furnished to the small libraries at a lower figure.

Book Marks. The Democrat Printing Co., Madison, Wis., has some very attractive series of book marks, which will be found very useful. The lists have been prepared by the Wisconsin Free Library Commission, and are printed on light-weight mounting board in various colored inks. There are seven series for children from the first and second grades up to the high school, comprising twenty-five in all. The price is 25 cents per 100, besides postage (5 cents per 100).

A new series for adults has recently been issued, and will be sold for 10 cents a hundred (postage, 4 cents per 100). The titles of this series include:

1. Questions of the day.
2. Some of the best volumes of short stories.
3. The home and its interests.
4. Some old fashioned novels.
5. A few great novels.
6. How to make and do things.
7. Irish stories and Irish life.
8. Some love stories.
9. Stories to read aloud.
10. Detective stories and tales of mystery.
11. When life was young.
12. "Cheering up" books.
13. Stories men like.
14. Some books for men.
15. Ten college stories.
16. College stories for girls.
17. Sea tales.
18. The trust problem.
19. Labor problems.
20. Birds.

No order will be received for less than 100. Libraries which cannot afford enough book marks for general distribution will find them useful for bulletin work and excellent for suggesting lines of reading.

Care of Cork Carpet. Some of our libraries have had trouble with the fitting and care of their cork carpets, and the follow-

ing practical suggestion from the *Wisconsin Library Bulletin*, January, 1905, will be helpful:

"Two libraries have been obliged to close recently for repairs on cork carpets. If these carpets are properly laid in the beginning there will be no such trouble. The carpets should be refitted after ten days or two weeks and oiled with a mixture of equal parts of boiled linseed oil and turpentine before they are used. Otherwise they will not fit and will show every foot mark. If the carpet has already been in use it should be scrubbed with sapolio, allowed to dry thoroughly and then oiled. At the Historical Library (Madison, Wis.) the carpet in the reading room, which has very hard usage, is oiled once a year, the oil being rubbed in with a mop. In other places a brush is used for the oil."

COMMISSION NOTES.

Appropriation. The Legislature increased the appropriation for the Commission to \$7,500 annually for the next two years. Although it is to be regretted that the appropriation could not be made permanent, the members of the Commission feel very much encouraged to receive any increase in view of the very large demands made upon the Legislature, and feel that it was a recognition of the value of this work as one of the educational forces in the state.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Commission was held in the office at the new capitol building on May 1st. Plans for the coming year were discussed, and it was decided to continue the work along the lines already begun. As the work of the office grows heavier every year, the cost of administration necessarily increases, but it was decided that \$3,500 should be appropriated for traveling libraries, the remaining \$4,000 to be expended for salaries, traveling expenses, printed matter, office supplies and incidentals according to the demand.

Miss Alice Webb having resigned her position as Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Karen M. Jacobson was elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Jacobson has just completed the library course at Pratt Institute, and her training will be of great service to the work in the state. She will begin her work in June.

Traveling Libraries. Of the \$3,500 to be appropriated for traveling libraries, about \$2,500 can be expended in the purchase of books. From this it is hoped to add from forty to fifty traveling libraries, thereby bringing the number of libraries up to about three hundred and fifty. New applications for libraries are constantly being received, and it will be seen that only about fifty new stations can be supplied. The Commission especially desires to place these where the need is greatest. The librarian will be glad to have suggestions from any one interested in traveling libraries. If a town or community wishes to have a library next fall or during the winter, the application should be sent in at once. This will not only enable the Commission to send the library at an early date, but it will be a great assistance in planning the libraries to know what the demand is going to be.

Study Libraries. There are still two sets of books for study clubs which have not been located for next year. The subjects of these libraries are Colonial History and England. The Commission hopes to extend these libraries during the coming season, and groups have already been planned on China and Japan, American Literature and American and Modern Art. At present they are furnishing books on subjects as they are called for, provided the material needed is something for which the demand will be constant.

Students' Section. The following books have been added to the list of those which can be loaned to students.

These books are especially designed for the use of teachers who are pursuing home study courses. They will be loaned to anyone upon recommendation of a school officer and one other responsible person. The only charge is postage or express both ways.

Education and Psychology.

- Butler, N. M. Meaning of Education.
- Davidson, Thomas. Education of the Greek People.
- Dutton, S. T. School Management.
- Hanus, P. H. Modern School.
- Harris, W. T. Psychological Foundations of Education.
- James, William. Psychology, 2 vols.
- Jevons, W. S. Lessons in Logic.
- Jevons, W. S. Principles of Logic.
- Keynes, J. N. Formal Logic.
- Locke, John. Thoughts Concerning Education.
- Martin, G. H. Evolution of the Massachusetts School System.
- Minto, William. Logic.
- Rousseau, J. J. Emile.
- Sigwart, Christopher. Logic, 2 vols.

Economics.

- Ford, H. J. Rise and Growth of American Politics.
- Hart, A. B. Actual Government.
- Johnston, Alexander. American Politics.
- Macy, Jesse. Party Organization.
- Willoughby, W. B. American Constitutional System.
- Wilson, Woodrow. Congressional Government.

Physics.

- Carhart, H. S., and Chute, H. N. Physics.
- Gage, A. P. Principles of Physics.

State Publications. The Legislative Manual, commonly known as the Blue Book, is now ready for distribution, and, according to law, every public library in the state is entitled to two copies. Unfortunately, no provision has been made to defray the cost of distributing these books, and the law introduced in the recent session of the Legislature was laid upon the shelf. The Commission hopes, however, to find a way of sending a copy to every library in the state. They will send them, as opportunity arises, with boxes of magazines, and with traveling libraries, or any library which will send thirty cents for postage or express may receive a copy at once. Send to the Library Commission, not to the Secretary of State. The Commission hopes also to obtain a copy of the Executive Documents for each public library in the state, and will make an effort to fill in the sets of state publications for preceding years. The supply of back numbers is limited, and preference must be given to the larger libraries. If libraries having more than five thousand volumes will send lists of their wants to the Commission, they will ascertain what is available and supply as many volumes as possible.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES.

Albert Lea. Through the courtesy of Mr. Clarence Wedge, trees, shrubbery and flowers have been set out and vines have been planted along the north wall of the building. Tables and chairs have also been ordered for the children's room, which has hitherto been unfurnished, and shelving has been added to the magazine room in the basement to accommodate the government documents and so allow more room in the stack room for other books.

Alexandria. An additional gift of \$2,000 has been received from Mr. Carnegie, which

will probably be used to finish the basement and add more shelving to the reading rooms. The council has increased the tax levy to \$1,200 a year in order to meet the requirements of the gift.

Anoka. Professor D. Lange, supervisor of Nature Study in the St. Paul public schools, gave a lecture on "Birds," illustrated with stereopticon pictures, at Library Hall early in April. This was the first of a series of talks on books which the board is planning to have. The second of the series was given by the librarian of the Commission on April 14th. The subject was "The Reading of Biography."

Austin. A lecture on Yellowstone Park by Olin D. Wheeler was given for the benefit of the library in April. An excursion to St. Paul was conducted by the board and the M. E. church, on May 20th. The proceeds for the library will amount to nearly \$50. The library has recently completed its first year under the city government, during which time nearly 1,000 volumes have been added.

Bemidji. A concert given by local talent May 15th was very successful, and cleared over \$150 for the benefit of the library association.

Cannon Falls. The entertainment and book shower given for the benefit of the reading room brought in about \$40 in money and a nucleus of 40 books. The interest in the library project has been most encouraging.

Cloquet. The income of the public library has received a considerable increase and will now amount to about \$1,700 a year. The library will now be open every afternoon and evening during the week and on Sunday afternoon. Miss Louise Lowe, who has been an assistant in the Duluth Public Library, has been appointed librarian and will begin her work in Cloquet June 1st. A smoking and reading room for men is to be opened in the basement.

Crookston. A gift of \$12,500 was offered to Crookston more than a year ago, but owing to a disagreement regarding the site, all proceedings have been delayed. The injunction restraining the council from erecting the building has now been made permanent by the decision of Judge Watts, a library board has been appointed and confirmed, and the work on the building will undoubtedly go forward this summer.

Faribault. The reference work of the library has increased so much that a separate room has now been furnished for this purpose on the upper floor, and the room on the first floor will be used exclusively for a reading room. The rooms have been redecorated and the changes make an improvement both in appearance and convenience of arrangement.

Graceville. A home talent play given for the benefit of the library was a success financially and otherwise.

Grand Rapids. The plan for the building has been accepted and work will go forward at once. Mrs. Elizabeth Huntley has been elected librarian. She will attend the Summer School for Library Training this year.

Howard Lake. A social for the benefit of the library was held at the town hall May 12th. Ice cream and cake were served and a musical program was followed by games and a general good time. The proceeds amounted to about \$30, which will be expended for books. The library is to be free to all, both in the town and the surrounding country.

Kasson. The Library Club is securing subscriptions for the purpose of maintaining a rest room, and so far has met with a liberal response from the merchants.

Kimball. The Library Association gave a basket social on the evening of May 19th.

Litchfield. The Litchfield Public Library has completed its first year with an excellent record. The library, which opened with less than 1,000 volumes, now numbers 1,378 volumes. The total circulation for the year has been nearly 12,000, while the visitors to the reading room have numbered 6,130. Mrs. Alice Lamb, the librarian, gave one of a series of Sunday evening talks on "The Men Who Made Our Country" at one of the churches. Her subject was "The Man With the Pen."

Madison. A gift of \$8,000 for a library building from Mr. Andrew Carnegie has been accepted by the council. A library board has been appointed and plans for the building have been accepted.

Mapleton. Mr. Carnegie has offered \$5,000 for a library building, but considerable opposition has been made, and the gift has not yet been accepted. The library was supported by voluntary subscriptions until 1904, when a tax of one mill, amounting to about \$250, was voted. This year the levy has not

been made, and the library will probably be closed June 1st unless the council takes some action.

Minneapolis. The Minneapolis library is issuing cards on which those who leave town for the summer may draw ten books, returnable October 1st. This is in line with the general tendency in all libraries to extend their privileges and the same plan might well be adopted in smaller libraries. Seven day books cannot be taken in this way, but this is an advantage rather than otherwise, as attention is drawn to some of the older favorites which are more worth while than many of the latest sensations.

Montevideo. The village council has passed a resolution to levy a tax of \$1,000 a year, providing that a gift of \$10,000 for a building can be secured from Mr. Carnegie. Several desirable locations are under consideration. The library was established in 1880 and now numbers more than 3,000 volumes.

Owatonna. The interior of the library is to be re-tinted and the work-room in the basement is to be finished to make it suitable for the storage of public documents. The reports of the library show a constant increase in country circulation. Traveling libraries have been placed at Havana and Lemond.

Redwood Falls. The new Carnegie library was opened for circulation May 20th, with more than 1,000 books on the shelves. Miss Arabel Martin, who attended the Summer School of 1904 has been elected librarian.

Rochester. The Rochester Public Library has received a gift of \$20,000 from Mrs. Walter Hurlbut in memory of her husband. The gift will be known as the "Walter Hurlbut Book Fund" and the income will be used for the purchase of books.

Mr. Hurlbut was connected with the library board for many years and as a member of the book committee gave much time and thought to the selection of the books. This memorial is therefore especially fitting and places the library on a firm financial basis.

St. Cloud. The Reading Room Society has given some fine reproductions of the old masters to the public library. The gift celebrates the 25th anniversary of the society. The smoking room opened in the basement

has proved a very successful venture. During the first four weeks the attendance was 1,375, while the attendance in the main reading room showed no diminution, as it amounted to 2,648. Games are provided and books and magazines are sent down from the main library by means of a book lift. Boys over sixteen are admitted, but those under eighteen are not allowed to smoke.

Sleepy Eye. Mr. Joseph M. Stiles, who has been librarian at Sleepy Eye since the library opened, died after a short illness a few weeks ago. Miss Mary Palmer has been elected his successor.

Spring Valley. Three Spring Valley churches united and served supper for the benefit of the library on April 12th. About \$50 was cleared. The spirit of co-operation for the library which is manifest in Spring Valley must be quite as encouraging as the gift itself.

Virginia. Although the proceedings of the library board were delayed for a time by the opposition of some citizens, the levy has now been made, a site on the lake front facing down the main street has been secured, and the board is now considering plans.

Wells. Through the efforts of the "Six O'clock Club" a library association has been organized and the council has given the use of a large and convenient room in the village building. By subscriptions and the proceeds of a spelling match, over \$500 has been raised. The pupils of the manual training department of the public schools have built four tables for the library rooms, a number of boys working on them during spring vacation.

Winona. The annual exhibition of the Minnesota Art Society was held at the Winona Free Public Library during March. Two paintings from the collection were purchased by the citizens of Winona and presented to the library. One is "An Old Flemish Town" by Charles Warren Eaton, and the other is "Spring in the Berkshires" by H. Bolton Jones. Four more beautiful pictures have also been loaned to the library for the time being by Mr. H. Choate.

Worthington. A concert for the benefit of the library was given at the Presbyterian Church on May 19th.